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Fulbright Seen Taking Side Of Nasser Against Israel

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WASHINGTON, May 1.—Does Chairman Fulbright, of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, speak for the Democratic party when he takes the side of Dictator Nasser against the Israeli government? Sens. Kennedy, Humphrey, Symington and Johnson disagree with the Arkansas Senator in his latest pronouncement that glosses over Nasser's refusal to open the Suez Canal to all shipping.



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Sen. Fulbright in his statement castigates his fellow Senators—many of them liberal Democrats, like Sen. Douglas of Illinois—because they voted last week against the use of American taxpayers' funds to help Nasser carry on his economic boycott against another country in the free world.

The House of Representatives has adopted a similar provision advocating the principles of free navigation. For a majority derived from both political parties sees no reason why the United States government should continue to send mutual security funds to Egypt if the latter seeks to destroy the economy of Israel, a country which also receives such funds from America.

Eisenhower Plea Ignored

Nasser has ignored the pleas of President Eisenhower to reopen the Suez Canal to the ships of all nations, though diplomatic help toward that end was promised by Mr. Eisenhower after Britain and France intervened in 1956 in the Middle East War. At least it was a factor in placating Israel, which early in 1957 withdrew its armed forces from the battle zones with that understanding.

The United Nations has tried repeatedly by its resolutions since 1948 to bring about a reconciliation between Israel and Egypt. But Nasser refuses to negotiate directly or indirectly. He says a state of war exists, and he uses that technical reason in trying to justify closing the Suez Canal.

panies with products destined for other countries in the world must maintain a fleet of ships solely for the Israeli trade, and cannot even separate the voyages of their own ships. Once a vessel serves Israel, it goes on the blacklist imposed by Nasser not only against Americans but against the ships of all other countries.

Within the last twenty-four hours, Nasser has issued a bitter attack on President Eisenhower blaming him for the boycott by American seamen in New York. Nasser is President Eisenhower's responsibility.

for what the unions are doing, though he himself disclaims any responsibility for what the Arab unions are doing.

Should American taxpayers' funds be used to support any regime which discriminates against American seamen in this manner? Although the Senate and House recorded an emphatic "no," Sen. Fulbright now accuses his fellow members of Congress of playing politics and of being influenced by a "pressure" group. The Veterans Committee of the Jewish People's Party.

bur possibilities." There was a time when such a pronouncement would have been regarded as a public insult to the United States because of the Monroe Doctrine, which warns nations outside this hemisphere to keep out of Latin-American affairs. The Cairo regime has been boldly taking the Communist side in many a dispute, and yet the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee imputes improper motives to other members of Congress who resent the pro-Communist tactics of Egypt's dictator.

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